Dear Jim, 12/24/90

Thanks for the Roscoe White military records, I've gone over them hastily and may have missed something but unless I am wrong it appears that although White and Oswald did go to Tokohama on the Bexar, along with many, many others, there is no reason to believe and every reason not to believe that they ever had anything to do with each other from the time they debarked. Or, I have yet to see that Ricky et al have stated anything relevant and truthful.

Oswald had an assignment waiting for him and under those circumstances, unless there is something not known, it is reasonable to presume that he left for Atsugi as soon as transportation was available. If not that very day, within a very short operiod of time.

White had no assignment anywhere close to Oswald and he remained in Yokohoma for about a week abd a half. He then shipped out to Okinawa. Can we now expect Bud to move Atsugi to Okinawa? Or perhaps Okinawa to Atsugi? (Maybe 2½ weeks.)

If I thought that anything at all had any chance at all of making any difference to him I'd suggest plotting the Marines careers and see when, if ever, they were, as Rickey with the connivance of the Dallas idiots says, served together. Other than in the sense that I served with Eisenhower.

On another aspect of this insane adventure, I've received a tape of Gary Shaw on a San Francisco talk show and while I've always liked Gary and considered him honest albeit a bit flakey on this subject, I now can say, without equivocation, that on this absurdity he is not honest. He says he read Promises to Keep and the only thing in it he can see as relevant is that the book features a diary, and nothing in that. Didn't Oswald, Bremer and Sirhan keep diaries? (A bit of an exaggeration, but let that pass.) Now that book at two different places says what Ricky White says about the Tippit killing, which is as certainly impossible as anything on the subject is. So Gary lied. and as he knew if he had any basis for questioning what I said, nothing else, certainly no alleged diaries, is relevant in response. Then he said he didn't think, or out it more strongly, that I have any knowledge that qualifies me to offer an opinion on FBI procedures. Again, he has to know that was not an hoesnt response. So, what does their nuttiness do to people who outside the nittiness they fabricate for themselves, are ordinarily very fine people?

Bud leads more charmed lives that ten cats but I continue to believe that on this one he can get hurt because he is party to a fraud. I suppose that aside from having some agreement with him because you (pl) see "coincidences" where there really are none, you may not be anxious to tried to end this indecency. But if any of you has the interest I suggest that a tabulation be made of Ricky's many allegations along with whether or not they have been proven to be false. Perhaps at some point Bud can be inspired to wonder how many lies there can be in a story he longs to believe and have accepted before even he gets to the point where he is to admit that nothing in the take is both relevant and correct.

I suppose that by now Oliver Stone et al have lost interest in a documentary based on that stuff but continue to be interested in an assassination documentary. I've read and I've been told that Bud and the center have a contract with him to be his experts on the subject of the assassination. Stone can't be very concerned about turning out something substantial or he 'd not trust as consultants those proven to be so utterly untrustworthy on the Ricky White concoction. I add the unwelcome opinion that None of those people, including Bud, by this time can distinguish between fact and their innumerable fictions about the assassination. So, if this proceeeds, I can see even more destruction of any creedibility for any criticisms of the official mythology. Which is to say that he and they will have again become part of the official disinformation on the subject. It is not pleasant, as it never has been through so mahy adventures in the many mythologies for which Bud has had such loving association. It is, to me at least, tragic that the trusting and grieving people are further deceived and misled by those who represent themselves as taking the truth to the people. all men intelligent enough to know better.

Best, Harold